

Small Group Discussion Questions Oconee County

What is occurring in your community which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- Parent education
- Resources (tech)
- Communication between state, school, volunteers, parents, and community
- Transportation (seeing improvements)
- Better coordination with different programs and skills of people.
- Providing good schools with well trained educators
- SDOC follow up with graduates/ non graduates (database)
- Special education population encouraged to stay in school until 21
- Reading strategies teacher in every elementary and middle school
- Seneca Presbyterian and other churches coordination tutoring/ mentoring programs with local middle schools
- Public library preschool program – good attendance
- Facilities- new nursing wing at HCC
- Literacy coaching
- Stars program for non-diploma special education students
- Long-Range Building Plans
- Capital improvement plan
- Oconee Alliance/ Economic development
- Family interventionist
- Teacher quality (mentor, recruit, retain)
- Donation of computers
- Lions Club Partnership
- Service Club Partnership
- Ed. Foundation
- Business in industry day
- Professional learning community
- Leadership Co-Hort, Staff Development
- CAT Bus
- Free transportation to higher education and public agencies
- Literacy program
- Early reading intervention in all elementary schools
- TCTC Expansion at HCC

- Nurse's program
- Health/Science
- Strategic plan
- Business-education partnership
- Partnerships with higher education
- Active PTA's in elementary/ community involvement
- Salem Lions-computers
- Net with OCA to address issues
- Family Learning Center
- Business educators

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Pre-school need after school programs
- Marketing the school district
- Lack of communication
- Lack of volunteers
- Single parent families
- Summer Lag time Alt. calendars
- PACT
- Increase our graduation rate
- Reduce drop out
- Improve transition at all levels
- Recruiting quality teachers
- Review salary
- Increase parental involvement
- Need of understanding/ appreciation of diversity
- Need of shared community facilities/ resources
- Expansion of 4k programs
- Cannot serve all at-risk preschoolers
- Language/cultural barriers
- Meth use BIG problem
- Poverty
- Low expectations
- Inflexibility of system to accommodate change (agency dependence)

List the five most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Long range funding plan
- High expectations from all community members
- Increase volunteerism

- Partnerships
- Tap all resources (community)
- PTO (Active) –family-school-community partnerships
- Coordinate/ increase communication between all stake holders
- Support/value diversity
- Teacher recruitment / retention
- Volunteers
- Be flexible/creative
- Meet with constituents
- Communicate
- Raise expectations for everyone
- Develop relationships with students to encourage continued participation
- Increase parental involvement
- Provide additional reading opportunities

List the five most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

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